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Atty. Docket: AHARONI5B

In re Application of:) Conf. No.: 1653
Rina AHARONI et al)
Appln. No.: 09/831,629) Art Unit: 1653
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For: PHARMACEUTICAL)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING) Washington, D.C.
SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE) November 22, 2004

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the official action of October 22, 2004. Claims 16-30 and 32-34 presently appear in this case. No claims have been allowed. The claims have been subject to a further election requirement. The official action of October 22, 2004, has now been carefully studied. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

It is noted with appreciation that the examiner has granted applicants' change in the elected invention from compositions to methods. In view of this change, the examiner has required two further species elections. The examiner has required election of either graft versus host disease or host versus graft disease, and the examiner has required election

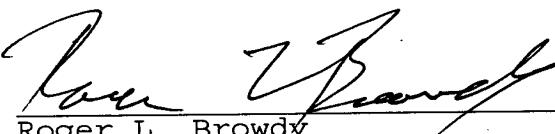
of a specific organ or tissue that is to be transplanted from one mammal to another.

In order to be responsive, applicant hereby elects the treatment or prevention of host versus graft disease (HVGD) and, as the specific organ or tissue, thyroid or thyroid tissue as, for example, is set forth in the experimental model of Examples 7, 8 and 9. It is understood, however, that if a generic claim is found to be allowable, then applicants will be entitled to all of the organs or tissues that fall within the scope of that claim.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the claims now present in the case is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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